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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The listed documents were cited in an Official Action, dated January 10, 2006, in a Japanese counterpart application. An English-language translation of the Abstract of each of the listed foreign patent documents is also enclosed. The documents may be relevant for the reasons noted therein.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in the subject application, neither a statement, petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is

authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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